



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
**GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION**

**Fresh Air Fund Day**

**WHEREAS**, The Fresh Air Fund provides free summer vacations in the country to nearly 9,000 New York City children each summer; and

**WHEREAS**, The Fresh Air Fund allows city children to visit the homes of volunteer host families in 13 states from Virginia to Maine to Canada; and

**WHEREAS**, Rhode Island families have been participating in The Fresh Air Fund's Volunteer Host Family Program for over 130 years; and

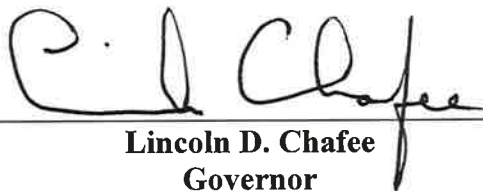
**WHEREAS**, The Fresh Air Fund allows New York City children to enjoy Rhode Island backyards, parks, and wide open spaces; and

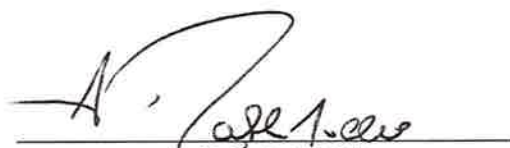
**WHEREAS**, The Fresh Air Fund is celebrating its 137<sup>th</sup> summer; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee**, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim March 20, 2013 to be Fresh Air Fund Day in Rhode Island, and encourage all residents to recognize the importance of this day.



Given under my hand and the great  
seal of the State of Rhode Island  
and Providence Plantations,  
this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013

  
**Lincoln D. Chafee**  
Governor

  
**A. Ralph Mollis**  
Secretary of State